In accordance with the IRB protocol (University of Chicago IRB19-1673) for the original study and the communication with my interview participants as part of verbal informed consent, I am unable to share the data files containing the interview transcripts to maintain participant anonymity. Below, you can find the interview protocols and the a priori and inductive themes used during the qualitative coding. Additional information about the process of coding and data analysis can be found in the online appendix.

Interview Protocols

First Round (N = 40)

1. Establishing Political and Social Identities
    a. I'm going to start by asking you some questions about your identity and how you view yourself. I'm specifically interested in identities that shape your political life—things like race, gender, religion, sexuality, occupation, class, community membership, hobbies, etc. Things that might have an impact on the way you approach politics or are just meaningful in your everyday life. Given this, how do you identify yourself? Why?
        i. What components of your identity are most meaningful to you?
        ii. What do these identities mean to you? What is important about them, what do you value, how do you feel they affect your life?
    b. Do you feel that others identify you in a certain way? Why? What does that mean for your lived experiences?
    c. How would you characterize your political identity? Do you see yourself as having an ideological or partisan home?
        i. Have you always supported that party or ideology? If not, what changed for you?
    d. What about your social identities? Would you say that you have any social identities that are important to you when you're approaching politics? For example, as a woman, I care about policies that help women.
        i. Are there specific reasons why these identities are most important to you?
    e. What are some of the ways in which your life has been shaped by your race?
        i. Would you consider your whiteness to be an important part of your identity? Why or why not?
        ii. Have you ever felt discriminated against based on race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation? How?
        iii. Do you think that racism can be directed at white people?
        iv. Do you think or talk about race very much in your everyday life? Why? With whom?
2. National Identity
    a. Where are you from? Where are your ancestors from? Is your ethnic heritage an important part of your identity? How?
        i. How long has your family been in the United Stats? Is being an American an important part of your identity? How?
        ii. Do you celebrate American cultural traditions like the 4th of July? Is that important to you?
        iii. Do you feel that being a Minnesotan/living in Minnesota is an important component of this identity?

    b. Are your lived experiences and traditions more shaped by [ethnic heritage] or American heritage?
        i. Do you see your American/Minnesotan and ethnic/racial identities as complementary or competing? How?
    c. Do you feel like America is changing? How? Is this a good or a bad thing?
        i. Do you think this has affected you personally? How?
        ii. Do you think this is the case in Minnesota/the Twin Cities specifically?
    d. Can you describe to me what you think of a typical American to be like?
    e. What makes someone American? Can anyone be American?
    f. In politics today, we hear a lot of people accusing each other of being "un-American." What do you think is implied by this accusation?
        i. Are there any people or behaviors that you would classify as un-American? Why?
3. Attitudes about current politics
    a. Now I'm going to ask you some questions about current politics, both relating to politicians and different policies you might care about. What do you think about the Black Lives Matter movement?
        i. What about responses to this movement that include things like "all lives matter" or "blue lives matter"?
        ii. What do you think about the #MeToo movement?
        iii. Do you think that either of these movements will have lasting effects on American politics?
    b. The 2016 presidential election elicited very strong reactions from both sides. What do you think of President Trump?
        i. Do you think that Donald Trump and his politics bring America together or push them apart?
        ii. What about President Obama? Do you think that he brought Americans together or pushed them apart?
    c. Have you been following the impeachment investigation into President Trump? How do you feel about it?
        i. Do you think the process and results will unite Americans or push them apart?
4. Political participation
    a. We're going to wrap up with some questions about political engagement and political opinions. What are the kinds of political and social issues that matter the most to you? Why?
        i. What are the most important things to you when figuring out who to vote for in a political election? How to pick a side on a political issue?
    b. Would you consider yourself to be engaged in American politics by following the news and participating in elections?
        i. What sources do you regularly get your news from?
        ii. Do you ever get news from social media? Would you consider your social network to be skewed in one way or another?
        iii. Do you vote regularly?
        iv. Have you ever donated to a political candidate or issue? Which candidates/issues and why?

v. Have you ever participated in a political rally or protest? For what causes?

c. In the aftermath of the 2016 election, did you feel more engaged in politics or less engaged? Why?

d. Are you following the 2020 democratic primary?

i. Are there any candidates that you particularly like or dislike? Why?

ii. Are you planning to vote in the primary? In the general election?

iii. Do you feel like your participation matters? What motivates you to participate?

Second Round (N = 20)

1. Identity
    a. When we last talked, I asked you to identify the attributes about yourself that are most meaningful to you—things like race, gender, ancestry, political party, or any other kinds of identities—what would you say now are the attributes that are most important to you? Why?
        i. Have these always been important to you? In what ways?
        ii. Over the past few months, have certain parts of your identity become more or less important to you? How?
2. COVID-19
    a. The world looks a lot different now than when we last talked because of the pandemic. How has this affected you personally?
        i. Do you feel like the government has been effective in responding to the pandemic?
        Do you think that things will go back to "normal"?
3. Racial Uprising
    a. As I'm sure you know, George Floyd's death sparked nationwide protests. What was it like for you being in the Twin Cities during the unrest?
        i. Did you ever feel like you or your community was in danger? Why? From whom?
    b. Do you feel more supportive or less supportive of the Black Lives Matter movement based on recent events?
        i. Did you attend any protests or rallies during the past few months? What were those like?
    c. Do you remember the BLM protest after Philando Castile was shot in 2016? How do you think this political moment compares to that one?
    d. In the aftermath of the uprising, there have been calls for things like abolishing or defunding the police. What do you think about that?
    e. Some people have also called for reparations to Black Americans. What do you think about that?
4. Whiteness
    a. With race now such a big part of the national conversation, do you feel like you are more aware of being white? How and why?
        i. How does being white make you feel?
        ii. What do you think white privilege means? Can you give me any examples?
        iii. Do you think that structural racism exists? What does that look like?

5. Reflections
    a. Have the events of the past few months, both the COVID-19 pandemic and the racial uprising, changed the way that you think about politics? How?
    b. Has this affected the way that you participate or plan to participate in politics in ways that can include and go beyond voting?
    c. Do you plan to vote in the 2020 election?

Third Round (N=12)

1. Establishing Political and Social Identities
    a. I'm going to start by asking you some questions about your identity and how you view yourself. I'm specifically interested in identities that shape your political life—things like race, gender, religion, sexuality, occupation, class, community membership, hobbies, etc. Things that might have an impact on the way you approach politics or are just meaningful in your everyday life. Given this, how do you identify yourself? Why?
        i. What components of your identity are most meaningful to you?
        ii. What do these identities mean to you? What is important about them, what do you value, how do you feel they affect your life?
    b. Do you feel that others identify you in a certain way? Why? What does that mean for your lived experiences?
    c. How would you characterize your political identity? Do you see yourself as having an ideological or partisan home?
        i. Have you always supported that party or ideology? If not, what changed for you?
    d. What about your social identities? Would you say that you have any social identities that are important to you when you're approaching politics? For example, as a woman, I care about policies that help women.
        i. Are there specific reasons why these identities are most important to you?
    e. What are some of the ways in which your life has been shaped by your race?
        i. Would you consider your whiteness to be an important part of your identity? Why or why not?
        ii. Have you ever felt discriminated against based on race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation? How?
        iii. Do you think that racism can be directed at white people?
        iv. Do you think or talk about race very much in your everyday life? Why? With whom?
2. Reflections
    a. When we last spoke it was the summer of 2020 and there was a pretty significant uprising in the twin cities in response to George Floyd's murder by police officer Derek Chauvin. What stands out in your memory about that summer?
        i. Do you recall doing anything to participate in (counter) protests?
    b. Did the events of that summer change the way you think about politics? How?
        i. There were a number of policy demands associated with the movement and I would like to get a sense of how you think about them.
            1. Do you support reforming or even defunding the police?

        2. Do you support the idea of providing reparations to the descendants of the enslaved? What about reparations for more recent harms, like housing discrimination or police violence?
3. We're going to wrap up with some questions about political engagement and political opinions. What are the kinds of political and social issues that matter most to you? Why?
    a. What are the most important things to you when figuring out who to vote for in a political election? How to pick a side on a political issue?
    b. Would you consider yourself to be engaged in American Politics by following the news and participating in elections?
        i. What sources do you regularly get your news from?
        ii. Do you vote regularly?
        iii. Have you ever donated to a political candidate or issue?
            1. What candidates/issues and why?
        iv. Have you ever participated in a political rally or protest?
            1. For what causes? Why?
        v. In the aftermath of 2020, did you feel more engaged in politics or less engaged? Why?
    c. What motivates you participate in politics?
    d. Do you feel like your political participation matters? Why or why not?

A Priori and Inducive Themes for Coding

- Whiteness
  - White privilege
  - Sympathy
  - Guilt
  - Structural inequalities
  - Grievance
  - High consciousness
  - Low consciousness
  - White racism
  - Process of recognition
    - Discussions
    - Diversity
    - Education
  - White savior
  - White culture
  - Obama adoration
  - Gender
  - Black Americans
    - Minimizing experiences
    - Protest tactics
    - Aggression
    - Marginalization
- Political Identities
  - Religion
  - Class
  - Gender
  - Sexuality
  - Ancestral/heritage
  - Racial
  - Place-based
  - Political
    - Democratic
    - Republican
      - Grievance
    - Social liberal, fiscal conservative
    - Neither/Independent
- American
  - Exceptionalism
  - Participation
  - Symbols
  - Multiculturalism
  - Dominance
  - Pride
  - Shame
  - Boundaries
- Values
  - Equality
  - Individualism
  - Traditional
  - Hardworking
  - Keeping promises
- Resentments
  - Economic
  - Racial
  - Gender
- Language
  - Dog whistles
  - Colorblind
- Politics
  - Law and order
  - Conspiracy theories
  - Criminal justice reform
  - Abortion
  - Foreign policy
  - Fascism/authoritarianism
  - Healthcare
  - Guns
  - Education
  - Inequality
  - Environment
  - Gender
  - Police
  - Polarization
  - Immigration
  - Black Lives Matter
  - Urban
  - Small government
  - Religion
  - Diversity
  - Social
  - Apathy
  - Economy
  - Participation
  - Disgust
  - Populism
  - Anti-media
  - Pro-media